## Town of Lunenburg

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION P.O. Box 135 Lunenburg, MA 01462-0135



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## AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION December 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Posted: Yes Place: The Ritter Building

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present: J. Mendoza, G. Stillman, D. MacMillan, R. Trakimas, M. Dupuis.

Minutes Approval: Motion to approve by D. MacMillan, second by G. Stillman. November 20, 2014 minutes approved.

The meeting began with a discussion about a Public Market in Lunenburg. It is the idea of the commission that eventually the Farmer's Market will expand into a year round market at the Public Market space which will also serve as a community center for various other groups, individuals, and events. Damon McQuaid of the Planning Board and Building Re-Use Committee attended the meeting to answer any questions regarding available space within the town. Concerned citizens joined in with their optimistic ideas and support. The group came to a consensus that if there is a wider variety of products at the Farmer's Market, there will be a wider variety of consumers attending, and if there were a "draw" such as an educational event, a children's day, etc., that too would encourage people to support the market. In addition, there was also a call for more exposure for the market. Various means of reaching people were suggested including social media, newspaper articles, TV campaigns, and cross marketing with other town departments like the library. Volunteers from the H.S. and perhaps elsewhere could be utilized to help run, maintain, promote the market as well.

The next meeting of the Lunenburg Agricultural Commission was scheduled for Thursday January 15, 2015 at 7pm in the Ritter Building.

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Dupuis and seconded by D. MacMillan.

Respectfully Submitted, Maureen C. Dupuis